

**A RESOLUTION BY:
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**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE
CITY OF ATLANTA'S 2003 LEGISLATIVE
PACKAGE INCLUDE A REQUEST THAT
THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ADEQUATELY APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN
THE STATE'S BUDGET TO OFFSET COST
IN THE PRODUCTION OF SUPPORTING
HOUSING NEEDED BY THE
CHRONICALLY MENTALLY ILL CITIZENS
WHO LIVE IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

WHEREAS, there are thousands of citizens in the State of Georgia, who are chronically mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, these citizens cannot function without the proper treatment; and

WHEREAS, these citizens cannot maintain a treatment regimen without safe and decent housing with the treatment services included (called supportive housing); and

WHEREAS, without supportive housing, thousands of these citizens end up homeless and living on the streets; and

WHEREAS, these citizens gravitate to the municipalities of the state, often by referral from outlying counties, placing a tremendous burden on the resources of the municipalities, who are not capable of serving all these citizens; and

WHEREAS, the State Housing Trust Fund has estimated that 6000 units of supportive housing are needed, statewide, with 4000 alone being needed in the metro Atlanta area; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is responsible for providing such housing and services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City add to our 2003 Legislative Package, a request that the Georgia Assembly adequately appropriate funds in the State's Budget to offset cost to address this tremendous shortage of needed housing and services for the chronically mentally ill citizens of the State of Georgia.